

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH



August 9, 2026

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



St. Paul the Apostle Church

23 South 5th Ave. (Access from corner of 6th & Raritan Ave.)
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Guardian Angels Church

37 Plainfield Ave. (Access from Market Street)
Edison, NJ 08817

Vision Statement

The vision of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is to have an enlightening and transforming experience of God through a greater faith and knowledge of Jesus.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

St. Paul the Apostle Church

Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance by appointment

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AS ANNOUNCED IN BULLETIN

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Guardian Angels Church

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, St. Paul the Apostle Church

Novenas for Miraculous Medal and St. Jude: Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass, Guardian Angels Church

Staff

Rev. Abraham Lotha, PhD, Pastor

Deacon Edward Krupa & Deacon Ubaldo Valdes (part-time)

Maria Singares: Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Bridget O'Connor: Director R.E.

Parish Membership: We welcome new members to our Parish family and request you register in the Parish as soon as possible. Active membership is determined by registration, faithful participation and giving of one's time, talent and resources to this community of faith. **The parish cannot issue certificates of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship, give recommendations or character references if a person is not active parishioner.**

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism is the celebration through which a child is brought into the faith of the Catholic Church. Parents must be registered and practicing members of the parish. Parents and sponsors are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing and able to obtain a certificate of eligibility from their parish.

Sacrament of Matrimony: The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual, intellectual and emotional preparation. Couples should arrange with the Parish Office one (1) year prior to the wedding date. Please call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor prior to making any other wedding plans.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone who feels called by God to become a member of the Catholic Church participates in the RCIA Program. A series of instructions and liturgical ceremonies designed to give total formation in the Catholic Faith

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Any parishioner who is sick, aged or incapacitated may receive the Eucharist at home. Please contact the Parish Office to have a priest visit you at home or in the hospital.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 8**Guardian Angels Church

4:00 p.m. **George Lawrence**, *by Family*
In Memory of our parents KT Thomas and Rosamma Thomas†,
by Thomas Family
Noreen Fitzgerald†, *by Joan Adadevoh*
Jacqueline Afonso†
Ann Opeilt†, *by Friends*

Sunday, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Nancy & Stephen Samuriga**,
by Cheryl Lamb
 12:30 p.m. **Por la salud de Ernesto De León**

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Thomas & Helen Whitney**,
by Patricia Suchanek
 11:00 a.m. **Schneider Family†**,
by Henry & Marguerite Santos

Monday, August 10St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, August 11Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Sandra Husko†**, *by Pat Rinaldi*

Wednesday, August 12St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Lou Antonelli†**,
by Danny & Betty Lou Varady

Thursday, August 13Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Terri Smith†**, *by Cathy White*

Friday, August 14St. Paul the Apostle Church

8:00 a.m. **Isabella Roubo†**, *by Family*

Saturday, August 15Guardian Angels Church

9:00 a.m. **Patrick J. McLoughlin†**
 4:00 p.m. **Noreen Fitzgerald†**,
by Knights of Columbus
Jacqueline Afonso†,
by Bonhamtown Senior Club

Sunday, August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul the Apostle Church

9:30 a.m. **Bill Volpe & Dan Varady**
 12:30 p.m. **Por los Inmigrantes detenidos**

Guardian Angels Church

8:00 a.m. **Stephen Sloss†**
 11:00 a.m. **Anthony J. Pojnar†**, *by Wife Jennie*
Stephen Sloss†, *by Bridger O'Connor*

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULEGuardian Angels Church

Saturday, August 15 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mary Anne Day
Eucharistic Minister: Silvia H. de Colina
Ushers: R. Marlow, T. Cherepon, M. Cherepon
Sunday, August 16 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Ryan Salamante
 Carl Tenchavez
Eucharistic Minister: Gloria Ramirez
Ushers: A. Damone, M. Mehalick
Sunday, August 16 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Andrew Novoa
Eucharistic Minister: Stella Salamante
Ushers: T. Sinker, J. Virrey, P. Weir
St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday, August 16 9:30 a.m.

Lectors: Brittany Meklin
 Athanasios Boulteris
Eucharistic Minister: Carla Guerreiro
Ushers: J. Adadevoh

If you are away during this season, please travel safe. You can also look at our parish website: transfiguration-parish.com/ to learn of events in our Parish.

Donors invited for the following items for 2026:

Breaking Bread Hymnals (Guardian Angels): **Paul Bravo**
 Breaking Bread Hymnals (St. Paul's): **Garlatti Family**
 Misa del Dia: \$1,000 (Hispanic Community)
 Wine: **In memory of Arlene & William Eichler**
 Hosts: **Anonymous**
 Hosts (Gluten Free): **Anonymous**
 Palm Leaves: **Anonymous**
 Candles \$ Candle Oil: **In memory of D'Amico & Romano Families**

For more information please contact Fr. Abraham Lotha

Please pray for the sick and homebound

Rodney Afonso, Jimmy Andrade, Rita Beckhorn, Ann Belsky, Lucca Bernal, Carol Byrne, Charles Byrne, Loretta Dalando, Ernesto De León, John Dempsey, Migdalia Diaz, Sarah Esposito, Angelica Francois, Michael Fuzesi, Gladys Gonzalez, Martha Gutierrez, Mark Iannacone, Sr. Donna Kane, Maggie Keogh, Brittany Knapp, John Kriegl, Amarilis Maldonado, Ann Marie Mc. Manus, Donovan Mak, Argentina de Mauriz, Jean & Bill Mikita, Bob Nellegar, Dolores Neumann, Stephanie P., Paul Pachucki, Ellen Pelosi, Richie Rausch, Jaxson Rivera, Alena Robles, Antonia Sacristan, Robert F. Santoro, Jack Santos, Mickey Schiavone, Joseph Skalla, Alice Marie Sloss, Donna E. Smith, Alice Sporer, Alyssa Stagno, Christina Stevenson, Helen Szarowski, Mary Ann Takash, Jean Toth, Frank Valendo, Joe Valendo, Lorretta Valendo, Christine Voorhees, Sean W. White, Jeanette Wiegartner, William B. Zalek, and JoAnn Zullo.

Prayers for Military Personnel

Sgt. Kevin Klemick, Marines. Captain Hayes Cozza, Marines. First Lieutenant Santino Cozza, Air Force. Corporal Thomas G. Monahan, Marines. SPC. Brandon D'Souza. Airman Tamari Bailey, Air Force. Captain Michael Asprocola, Army Sgt. Michael Tutalo, Marines. Sgt. Preston Zalek, Army. Chief Petty Officer Joseph M. Zalek, Navy. SR Cullen McArdle, Navy. Sgt. Juan A. Alejandro, Army. Jake Loftus, USN, 2nd Lt. Brennan Skirzenski US Army.

Please call the Parish Office if you have a family member serving in the Armed Services & would like to be included.

	In Memory of Jaqueline Afonso Rest in Peace! By: Alice Sporer
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Religious Education News

Enrollment for our **2026-27 Program Year** is officially open!! Registration forms can be found in both churches and the parish office. Be sure to take advantage of our early-bird discount which be given to all forms received by August 14th! Should you have any questions, you can email Bridget O'Connor, PCL at edisonparish@verizon.net or call (732) 572-7497 ext. 13. We are greatly looking forward to another wonderful year of learning and growing in faith together!

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA). The Order of the Christian Initiation, OCIA, is the ordinary way in which adults who were not raised in the Catholic Faith become initiated into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Who is the OCIA for? It is for adults from all walks of life who consider joining the Catholic Church: someone who was baptized Catholic, but never received any other Sacraments:

- Someone who was baptized into a different faith.
- Someone who was never baptized and is beginning their faith journey.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish would like your help in recommending names of potential candidates for our upcoming OCIA Program. Perhaps you have thought about becoming a Catholic yourself, or maybe you know a family member or a friend who might be interested. Please contact Fr. Abraham or the parish office for more information.

Back to School Supplies



We are collecting Back-to-School Supplies to help families in our community who will need help. Items such as pencils, erasers, notebooks, backpack, art supplies, or personal items like a lunchbox and reusable water bottle can be donated. Please bring your donations and put them in a designated box at both churches.

Blessed Stanley Rother: American Martyr

American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story is coming to theaters on August 25 & 26 (English) and August 27 (En Español). The feature-length documentary narrated by Golden Globe and Emmy Award winning actor Martin Sheen, follows the life, death and impact of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest from Oklahoma, who served the indigenous Tzu'tujil people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala until his martyrdom during the Guatemalan Civil War. Celebrate the power of community and take a group from our parish to the movies: <https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

August 22: Summer 50/50 Raffle
September/October: Spaghetti Dinner TBD
October 9: Bingo Burger
November 15: Tricky Tray
November 14/15 & 21/22: Thanksgiving Offering
December 5: Christmas Tree Lighting
December 5: Ministries Appreciation Dinner
December 27: Year-End Party

OFFERINGS

	<u>8/2/2026</u>
Offertory	\$6,087.00
Shop Rite	\$ 50.00
Bring a Dollar	\$ 379.00

Parking Lots Repair

Our next project will be to repair the parking lots at both Churches. Cost as follows:

LoChiatto Paving: Guardian Angels: Repair parking lot in several sections, strip off first layer of Asphalt, sweep clean and apply tack coat, install 2 to 3 inches of black top: **\$13,741.00**

Liberty Lines: Cracks clean and fill with vulcanized rubber and re-stripe all existing markings at both churches: **\$ 7,505.00**

Total cost: \$21,246.00

Shop Rite	\$ 400.00
Bring a Dollar	\$1,073.00
Other Donation	\$1,070.00
Total (8/2/26)	\$2,543.00



eGIVING lets you streamline your stewardship and support Transfiguration of the Lord Parish grow the ministries you care about most. eGIVING provides steady, consistent support so we can empower our mission in support of our parish families and our community. Sign up at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/transfigurationhp> or call their toll free number: (866)930-4774 x6.

Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend, August 15/16 will be for the **Missionary Cooperation Plan**. This year the Mission Appeal will be for the Prelature of Esquel (Patagonia, Argentina). Fr. Lukasz Drozak will preach on behalf of the Prelature of Esquel. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

This year the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15th. Since this is a Saturday, the Solemnity of Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, it does remain a Solemnity. Any Mass that takes place in the morning on Saturday is that of the Assumption.

PARROQUIA DE LA TRANSFIGURACION DEL SEÑOR

Iglesia San Pablo El Apóstol, 9 de agosto de 2026, Decimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Le invitamos a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos a las 11:30 a.m.

Nuestra Visión Parroquial

La visión de la Parroquia de la Transfiguración del Señor es vivir una experiencia de Dios que nos ilumine y nos transforme a causa de un mejor conocimiento de Jesús y una Fe mayor en Él.

Lectores: Josefa Rivera e Inés López (8/9/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Guadalupe Díaz (8/9/2026)

Lectores: Carmen Chanez y Bertha Rojas (8/16/2026)

Ministro Eucarístico: Pedro Sánchez (8/16/2026)

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CURSO INTRODUCCIÓN A LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Del 20 de Agosto al
1 de Octubre de 2026

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INFORMACIÓN:
Oficina de Evangelización Hispana
Lescobar@diometuchen.org
o al 732 243 4573



Tienes Vocación de Servicio?

Si sientes el llamado de servir al Señor, te invitamos a unirse a nuestra comunidad y formar parte de nuestro equipo como Ministro Eucarístico, lector, ujier, monaguillo o servidor del altar.

Si estás interesado, acércate al Diácono Ubaldo Valdes o comunícate con la oficina parroquial. ¡Te esperamos!

INSCRÍBANSE
PARA LA
EDUCACIÓN
RELIGIOSA

La inscripción para nuestro **Año del Programa 2026-27** ya está oficialmente abierta. Los formularios de registro están disponibles en ambas Iglesias y en la Oficina Parroquial. Asegúrese de aprovechar nuestro descuento por inscripción temprana, el cual se aplicará a todos los formularios recibidos antes del 14 de agosto. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con Bridget O'Connor, PCL, escribiendo a edisonparish@verizon.net o llamando al (732) 572-7497 ext. 13.



American Martyr: La historia de Stanley Rother

llega a los cines el 27 de agosto (en español). Este inspirador documental, narrado por el Padre Rafael Capó, sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, Misionero Papal de la Misericordia por nombramiento del Papa Francisco,

cuenta la extraordinaria historia del Beato **Stanley Rother**, un sacerdote estadounidense de Oklahoma que entregó su vida al servicio del pueblo tz'utujil de Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. Descubre el legado de fe, amor y entrega que lo convirtió en el primer sacerdote nacido en Estados Unidos, reconocido como mártir. ¡Celebra el poder de la comunidad! Reúne a tu parroquia y vivan juntos esta inspiradora historia de fe en la pantalla grande. <https://tinyurl.com/rothergroupsales>



Celebración
Diocesana

DE LA
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HISPANA

18 de Septiembre

6:20 PM
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EN EL BASEMENT
DE LA CATEDRAL

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Oficina de Evangelización Hispana
¿Información? Llame al 732 243 4573
o escriba a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

Mission Appeal - Prelature of Esquel (Argentina - Patagonia)

Dear friends,

Next weekend, your parish will participate in the annual Mission Appeal. This year, I invite you to support the missionary work of the Prelature of Esquel in Patagonia, Argentina — the homeland of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis.

The Prelature of Esquel depends greatly on the generosity of mission appeals to sustain its pastoral ministry, including evangelization efforts, catechetical programs for children and youth, formation of lay leaders, and assistance to the poor and those most in need.

Your prayers and financial support during these challenging times are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and for helping the people of the Prelature of Esquel in Argentina.

May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Most Rev. Joseph Slaby

Bishop of Prelature of Esquel



PRELATURE OF ESQUEL

Pope Benedict XVI created the Prelature of Esquel (Patagonia – Argentina) on March 14, 2009 from the Rivadavia Diocese.

This Prelature covers more than 30,000 square miles and a population of about Fr. Jose Slaby a member of the Congregation of the Redemptorist Missionaries became the first prelate- bishop. Presently four diocesan priests and ten order priests (two Salesians and eight Redemptorists) serve in the new Prelature. Three female religious congregations (presently 17 nuns) provide pastoral services.



AN URGENT PLEA

Dear Faithful Catholics,

The Prelature employs fourteen priests who live within the parish communities. The income of the priests is limited to the collections, mass contributions and sacraments. The people are very poor and are not used to donating money to the church. That is why none of the parishes of that Prelature are self-supporting.

Please help us to build the Prelature of Esquel. Your contribution will support one of the following projects: Basic living needs for the poorest people, Youth Projects, Catechists' Training, Buildings & Infrastructure as well as living expenses for the priest and nuns. God bless you for your missionary generosity!

Bishop-Prelate Rev. Jose Slaby C.S.s.R.

SOME COMMON SERVICES:

CHARITIES

In each community there are charitable activities that bring the help of clothes and food to families in need. They also provide training courses: knitting workshop; cooking workshops; electricity workshop; electronics repair workshop, and others.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Each parish community provides ministry to the youth. This ministry helps the youth to express themselves and practice self control. The leaders also discuss with the youth drug addiction and other issues.

CATECHISTS' TRAINING

A Catechetical Seminary prepares catechists with regular classes twice per week. About 40 catechists participate in these classes. The Seminary functions in Esquel, with the participants coming from all three parishes in the city, and from Trevelin.



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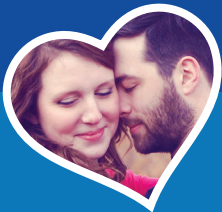
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